

Public Notice – Environmental Project

PURPOSE OF NOTICE:

The Department of Environmental Quality seeks public comment on the state's response to the environmental aspects of a proposed project in Norfolk, Virginia.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:

September 28, 2012 to October 24, 2012

TYPE OF RESPONSE:

Federal Consistency Determination

DEQ is reviewing the proposed demolition or repair of a storage building at Naval Station Norfolk to determine whether the project would be consistent with the Virginia Coastal Zone Management Program (VCP) established pursuant to the federal Coastal Zone Management Act. The VCP seeks to protect the quality of air, water, and other natural resources in Virginia's coastal area.

NAME OF AGENCY PROPOSING THE PROJECT:

U.S. Department of Defense: Department of the Navy

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

The Navy proposes to replace (preferred alternative) or repair (second alternative) Building V-52 at the Norfolk Naval Station. The building, situated near the northern boundary of the naval base in Norfolk at the confluence of the Elizabeth River and Hampton Roads Harbor, is a rectangular steel-framed and cast-in-place concrete building, 508 feet long, 124 feet wide, and 52 feet tall. It is used as a storehouse. Built in 1941, the building is a contributing resource to the Naval Air Station Historic District. The building suffered a fire in January 2011 which involved severe structural damage to approximately 20,000 square feet (roughly 1/3 of the building size). The Navy's preferred alternative is to demolish the building and replace it, using the existing cement floor. The other alternative would involve "deconstruction" of the damaged parts of the building after installation of shoring to prevent collapse; installation of new roof trusses, columns, and associated steel; a new roof; repairs to electrical, heat/air conditioning, and fire suppression systems and to walls and windows.

The Navy states that the proposed project is consistent, to the maximum extent practicable, with the enforceable policies of the Virginia Coastal Resources Management Program.

HOW TO COMMENT:

DEQ accepts comments from the public by e-mail, fax, or postal mail. All comments must include the name, address, and telephone number of the person commenting and be received by DEQ within the comment period. The public may review the project document at DEQ's central office in Richmond.

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